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Subject: 2008 National United We Ride Leadership Awards Program

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The Federal Interagency Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility is announcing the 2008 National United We Ride (UWR) Leadership Awards Program. This non-monetary award recognizes states, localities, communities or organizations that have provided leadership and action toward developing and/or implementing exemplary, high-quality, coordinated human service transportation programs or systems. Successful coordination strategies enable citizens to access key services, build strong communities, and achieve the independence that all Americans deserve.

Nominations for the 2008 National UWR Leadership Awards must be submitted by states; localities; urban, suburban, rural and/or tribal communities; and/or organizations that are planning and moving toward implementing high-quality, coordinated human service transportation programs or systems. Nominees must demonstrate successful collaborative strategies and partnerships between Government, transportation, human service agencies, employment agencies, stakeholder organizations and customers.

Nominees selected to receive an Award will have demonstrated progress towards achieving the three goals of UWR:

- (1) providing more rides for the same or fewer assets (efficiency);
- (2) streamlining access to transportation resources (effectiveness); and
- (3) improving customer service (quality);

and, will highlight and reward the success of communities that have made significant progress in providing effective, coordinated community transportation services for people with disabilities, children, older adults, and individuals with lower incomes.

Organizations can self-nominate; however, letters of support and communications documenting activities that reflect interagency coordinated transportation efforts must be included in the application.

Nominations should be submitted electronically, on the enclosed form, to the Federal Transit Administration at UnitedWeRide@fta.dot.gov **no later than 5:00 p.m. (EST), on September 8, 2008**. Awardees will be selected in late Fall 2008 and will be invited to attend a national

recognition event in Washington, DC, in October. The National Resource Center on Human Services Transportation Coordination is confirming the event date and will fund the costs of transportation and accommodations to the event for two people from each of the winning communities of programs.

For further information, please contact John Witmer in Region 10 at (206) 220-7964 or email john.witmer@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.F. Krochalis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

R.F. Krochalis
Regional Administrator

Enclosures: Overview
Application Form